Defence Committees are being constituted.

Firing on Striking Workers

3112. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a firing on striking workers of Pashupati Mills in Haryana by police recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Governemnt are aware that the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) conducted an inquiry into the police excess committed on the workers in this incident; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken, if any on its recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (d) There was a case of police firing on agitating workers of Pashupati Mills on 19.2.1998. The State Government has appointed a Commission of Inquiry comprising Mr. Justice M.L. Koul, a retired Judge of the Punjab and Haryana High Court, to inquire into the incident and matters related thereto.

An investigation team deputed by the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) had also visited the spot and made an on-the-spot inquiry. The NHRC considered the report of the spot inquiry but stopped further proceedings with the observation that the NHRC may assist the Commission of Inquiry by placing its investigation report before the Commission of Inquiry, if so desired. The Registrar of the Commission of Inquiry has been requested to place these facts before the Commission of Inquiry and obtain its directions and convey the same to the NHRC for taking further necessary action in the matter.

उपहार सिनेमा कांड

3113. श्री रामगोपाल यादव:
श्री ईश दत्त यादव:

क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) उपहार सिनेमा कांड के पीड़ितों के मामलों को एक वर्ष बीत जाने पर भी सुनवाई शुरू नहीं किये जाने के क्या कारण हैं;

(ख) क्या सरकार का उपहार सिनेमा दुर्घटना कांड के पीड़ितों के मामलों की तत्काल सुनवाई करने और उन्हें न्याय दिलाने के लिए जांच एजेन्सियों को कोई निर्देश देने का विचार है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है?

गृह मंत्री (श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी): (क) से (ग) केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो ने "उपहार सिनेमा कांड" मामले की जांच पूरी कर ली है तथा 16 व्यक्तियों के खिलाफ एक आरोप-पत्र दायर किया है। दिल्ली के मेट्रोपालिटन मैजिस्ट्रेट के माननीय ने 19.1.1998 को अपराधों को संज्ञान में लिया तथा मामला अब न्यायाधीन है।

Arrest of Uranium Smugglers

3114. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether smugglers with Uranium have been caught recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken against those actually on the background for despatching Uranium to the foreign countries?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (c) Government has no information regarding attempts by smugglers to send Uranium to Pakistan. However, in an incident on 14th June, 1998 two packets—one containing about 350 grams of Heroin and the other packet weighing 1.80 Kgs with inscriptions "UCIL JADUGODA 100%, 235 TARAPUR, India" suspected to be Uranium was found and a person arrested in the district of Burdwan in West Bengal.

Inquiries have revealed that the second packet contained Resin and not Uranium as suspected.

NHRC recommendations on Police and Prison Reforms

3115. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) in its annual report for 1996-97 has made a number of recommendations for police and prison reforms; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Chapter III (C) and (D) of the Annual Report of the National Human Rights Commission for the year 1996-97 contain recommendations/ observations of the Commission relating to Systemic Reform of Police, and Prisons and other Centres of Detention, respectively. The Annual Report of the Commission alongwith Action Taken Memorandum containing Government's responses relating *inter-alia* to the above recommendations/observations have been laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha on 10.6.98.

Dismissal of Rabri Government

3116. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the Statesman, New Delhi edition, dated 26th April, 1998, under the caption: Samata demands dismissal of Rabri Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. According to the news-item, the Samata Party has demanded dismissal of the Rabri Government, a change in the nomenclature of the proposed State of Vananchal and a compensation package for Bihar.

The Government has taken note of the demands and would respond appropriately.

Central Commission on Riots

3117. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Enquiry Commissions set up by the Central Government on riots and attacks on minorities during the last 10 years, incident-wise; and

(b) how many of the Commission reports had been tabled before the Parliament.

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) The Central Government have not appointed any Inquiry Commission on riots and attacks on minorities during the last ten years.

(b) Question does not arise.

Protection to Hindus in Jammu Region

3118. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the militants had brutally killed 25 members of the minority community in Doda district on the 19th June;

(b) whether it was due to slackness of the security forces; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to provide adequate protection to the Hindus in the Jammu region?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Security Forces/State Police are deployed by the Unified Head Quarter